

Academic Decathlon Held; Wasatch Places Fourth



Members of the Academic Decathlon team are: (Top 1 to r): Chris Anderson, Lyle Waite, Mr. Clegg, Mr. Weight; (Middle 1 to r): Jennifer Raby,

Marika Wren, Laurisa Ward, Sharlene Carlile, and Alice Price; (Bottom 1 to r): Mark Bellows, Barton Clegg, Adam Horrocks, and Jeff Furner.

Wasatch High School, Feb. 11 (LRJ) Student enthusiasm spoke very high for the Third Utah Academic Decathlon held Feb. 7-9 at St. George.

"The Academic Decathlon was an experience I'll never forget," said Adam Horrocks, one of twelve students attending from Wasatch High School under the tutelage Joe Weight, educator.

Even Governor Norman H. Bangerter congratulated those who attended "for the time and energy you have spent in preparing.. Your dedication and perserverance is indicative of your quest for excellence in education."

G. Leland Birmingham, State Superintendent of Public instruction, extended his best wishes and congratulated students "on the academic achievements" they had brought to the competition. It "comes as a result of extensive personal effort, usually related to goals of educational excellence," he stated.

"It was an enlightening experience," said Jennifer Raby. "I wouldn't trade it for all the money in the world." Both she and Sharlene Carlile would like to attend again and receive

Decathlon is a scholastic competition for eleventh and twelfth grade high school students. The winning team from this event will go to the United States Academic Decathlon in April, 1985, at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, CA.

The six member student teams competed in a series of ten challenging activities. "These include giving a speech, writing an essay, communicating through conversation and participating in the Super Quiz, "Futurism" taken from the book Megatrends by John Naisbitt." Areas covered were: language and literature, mathematics, social science, sciences, fine arts, speech, and economics.

The Awards Luncheon on Feb. 9 was contributed to in part by the Wasatch Boosters who contributed \$150.

Students came from 27 district and were accompanied by their coaches and parents. Local parents who attended were Rose Price, Mr. and Mrs. Brent Carlile, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Raby and Principal and Mrs. Kent Larsen.

In the nine areas measured Wasatch students accumulated 46,179 points and then won 3400

to Prevent Bat Problems

City-County Health
Wright, reminds
residents that the winter
is the best time to take

to prevent the infestations next summer. In
when the temperature
34 degrees bats
a warmer climate, as

summer approaches and temperatures rise bats will migrate back. Bats are attracted to one another by smell, therefore if an infestation starts other bats are attracted to the area.

The health department recommends that bats should be eliminated from houses and surrounding structures to pre-

vent direct association with people. Structures should be made bat-proof by sealing routes of entrance with screen or other means. The National Association of State Public Health Veterinarians also recommends that all dogs and cats be vaccinated against rabies commencing at 3 months of age.



Mr. Weigelt commented that
considering all, "The experience
was outstanding and our stu-
dents did very well. They put
their hearts and minds to the job
and can be proud of their efforts.
"I think that we should
continue this activity each year
and demonstrate our deep
interest in academia and re-
cognize students who perform so
well in the school experience."

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Legislature provided only 4 percent. The State Board of Education is asking for a 9 percent increase this year to attempt to put the WPU back to a point where we can adequately cover the expenses necessary to educate our children.

The second critical educational issue before the legislature is the disposition of the surplus funds in the budget. These funds could be very effectively used to meet one-time needs in our schools such as upgrading the textbooks available to our students or purchasing computers or software to meet the new computer-literacy requirement. Traditionally 48 percent of tax revenue has gone to education, and we would hope that at least that portion of the surplus would be spent on education. Flooding is not the only critical need this year.

Other critical needs the legislature is considering include: Class size. Utah ranks at the bottom in teacher/student ratios. The need is especially critical in the primary grades. Mandatory age for education. The PTA is very opposed to the bill which

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would lower the age from 16. Students need to remain in school long enough to acquire the skills necessary to be productive members of society. Senate Bill 70 which would discriminate against handicapped students by limiting the kinds of training they could be funded to receive is also opposed.

The Wasatch Council PTA parents and all citizens should let their elected representatives know of their feelings on these issues. When calling or writing to your representative, please be specific in what you say. Phone calls are effective. Senator Glade Sowards can be reached on the floor of the legislature at 533-5701 and Senator Brown and Myrin can be reached at 533-5801. Address: Senator Glade Sowards, 380 W. Main Street, Vernal, 84078 Home 780-0149; Glen Brown, P.O. Box 336-5874; Alarik Myrin, Route 1, Altamont, 84001 phone: 454-3494.

Please let the legislature know that education is important and must receive adequate funding. Your voice is important.